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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 58-84552, published May 20, 1983.
2. Japanese Patent No. 2709782, published October 24, 1997.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-125717, published May 17, 1996.

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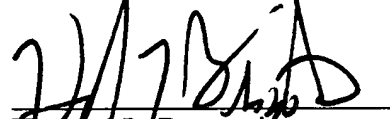
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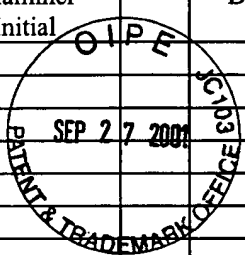
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